

## **Senior IT Manager Meeting 6/10/02**

### **Attendance**

Nancy Soreide, Gary Skaggs, Bruce Ross, John Sheldon, Joan Brudage, Peter Mandics, Bob Kohler, Don Mock, Rick Artz, John Fenton, Rich Beeler, Nancy Huang, Allison Soussi-Tanani, Jeremy Warren, and Walt Harrop

### **Decisions**

- The August Senior IT Manager Meeting will be held at the OAR 2002 Web Shop
- OAR will take a proactive approach in dealing with Personal Websites/pages and will send our policy to NOAA to incorporate into the NOAA-wide policy.

### **New Action Items**

Don Mock – Develop OAR wide policy on Personal websites

Nancy Huang – Work on the request from the TCCR that direction on mandates/data calls should come from AA chain of command not the IT people

ALL – Additional comments on the Architecture to Rich by Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>

Jeremy Warren – Send out questions on new NEMS employee type

ALL – Respond to questions on new NEMS employee type by Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>

ALL – Send existing policies on Personal Web pages or Websites to Don Mock

### **Review of Old Action Items**

ALL – Review implementation plan and get comments back to Rich and Kevin

- Got 5-6 comments
- Nancy Soreide has other she'd like to send in
- Deadline set for this Friday

ALL – Let Jeremy know if you wish to participate in the Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement

- No responses from the labs
- OAR will not participate

Nancy Huang – Talk to Mary about this years Fair act inventory as it relates to A76

- Don will finalize Dave's recommendation to stop A-76
- Dave decided that 30% core competency was necessary
- We don't yet know what NOAA will say in response
- Want to caution OAR employees to keep this in house until NOAA makes their decision

Jeremy Warren – Talk to MCB about creating a new employee type for non-active, intermittent users

- Jeremy will send out questions to put together a justification for doing this at the NOAA level
- "External Collaborator"

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Rotational Assignments**

- Alex just finished her assignment
  - Her response was favorable
  - She's encourage others to participate
- Don Mock is here now
  - He's doing to help with many things
  - A-76 and FAIR act inventory (backing up Dave's decision)
  - ESDIM letter of intent review
  - Also still working on CDC projects remotely
- Trying to improve and promote the rotational assignment program
- The apartment is a big advantage to the process
  - It's first come first server so we need to know ahead of time
  - Right near work and the metro

### **IT Architecture**

- Above in Review of Old Action Items

### **FY '04 Budget Initiatives**

- No IT initiatives were funded which were submitted via Homeland Security theme team (\$21 million in initiatives)
- NWS got every single proposal with IT included in a programmatic initiative
- We really need to incorporate the IT with the total program
- If we want to get IT Infrastructure improvements we need to get it through on the programs that it would benefit
- GFDL got \$5 million for the Super Computing

### **Web Shop 2002**

- August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- In Longmont, outside of Boulder because of logistics
- Two tracks – design/content and administration
- Call for presentations – submission of abstracts by the end of the month
- Have a couple of outside presenters come in
- Registration is \$125 for OAR employees/partners
- NESDIS will be attending in greater numbers this year
- Carl Staton may come as well
- Interest in Web Shop becoming NOAA-wide
- <http://webshop.oar.noaa.gov>
- Senior IT Managers meeting as a tack on to the Web Shop
  - Conference call for those that can't make it
- Multiple representatives would be preferable
- NSSL will have strong representation

### **NEMS Directory Update**

- Really good response from the sites
- HQ appreciates the effort
- Let Jeremy know if you need any assistance

### **DOC Top level Domain Name Review**

- All domains must be noaa.gov domains
- Unless they are a multi-agency process
  - Globe.gov – NASA, NOAA, EPA, etc
  - Napap.gov – Redirect to OAR's website
  - Uswrp.gov – UCAR (should point to uswrp.org)
  - Gfdl.gov – mirror of gfdl.noaa.gov
    - Bruce needs to maintain the old page for a while longer
    - Actually on the same server

### **Personal Web Sites**

- An OAR personal website was found and presented a problem
- NOAA wants a policy to forbid personal websites (non-business sites)
- Sites would like to review the policy
- What about links to a personal website?
  - It's probably okay as long as it's not actually hosted
  - Personal information should not be on a government server
- NSSL is taking the direction of removing all JI pages from the government server
- Don will take the lead on developing an OAR Wide policy
- Labs with an existing policy should send them to Don
- OAR will take a proactive approach and will send our policy for NOAA to incorporate into the NOAA-wide policy.
- Rick Artz is very concerned about the implication of a policy from a legal stand point (example of what happened with EPA exclusion about 10 years ago).
- Joan Brundage – Don't forget the contractors, same rules should apply. There are some distinctions there (JI collaboration vs. Contractors directly working for the government)
- Nancy Soreide – Website certification, all professional personal pages must also follow these guidelines. DOC policy is all-inclusive.

### **Strategic IT Planning**

- NOAA typically turns in the Strategic IT Plan at the end of June
- In OAR we mostly talk about FSL and GFDL (Super Computers)
- Bob Kidwell is working on it
- They would like to develop some white papers on other topics
  - Climate Super Computer (Bruce Ross)
  - IT Active Directory
  - Admin Systems

- IT Acquisition Streamlining
  - Remote Access
- They will send the draft to us for comments (suppose to send it out last Friday, still haven't received it)
- Nancy Huang will forward it on as soon as she gets it

#### **Report from TCCR**

- Nancy will send out the minutes to the Senior IT Managers
- Nancy will work on the request from the TCCR that direction on mandates/data calls should come from AA chain of command not the IT people

#### **ESDIM**

- Letters of intent due a couple of weeks ago
- 20 letters from OAR
- Will be reviewed on the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
- Rob Mayer volunteered to have the ESDIM program work closely with the HPCC Program
  - This would be very positive
  - It would help open up the process
  - NESDIS currently tends to award chunks of money to NESDIS projects without review

Next Meeting is date is still to be determined.